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SUBJECT: DIA Comments on OPEI Report on the NMIC Modernization Program

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1. Although DIA feels that the author (i.e., "Yours truly,") misunderstood some aspects of the NMIC Modernization Program, it has responded to the NMIC evaluation in a way that the IC Staff should be able to use it in any follow-up actions that the OCIS may take with respect to the NMIC.

2. For example, DIA admits that it still has to interface AIRES, NMIC and its upgraded DSSCS before "the major operational deficiencies" noted in our report can be corrected. Second, DIA admits that "the call for a full NMIC concept paper" is a valid one. DIA also indicates that the paper should be available prior to the start of the FY 1980 budget review process. It should be a very interesting document to read.

3. Most of the ^{"reported"}~~"reported"~~ misunderstandings simply represent different ways of looking at the same issue from a different vantage point. What I find particularly interesting is that, except for "minor comments," DIA accepts the report as a fairly objective assessment of the NMIC's status and progress.



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